

HUNTER EDUCATION

Course is a minimum of 10 hours of instruction in addition to an examination.

Course contents include hunter responsibility, wildlife laws, wildlife management and identification, firearms safety, archery, muzzleloading, basic survival and first aid.

Goals of the hunter education program include increasing awareness of the importance of hunter-landowner relations, hunter behavior, reducing accident rates and increased knowledge of basic wildlife management concepts and wildlife laws.

This course is also available on CD-ROM and the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. After completing these courses, a field day must be attended for class and testing.

*The **Wildlife Heritage Act of 2007** provided a mentor provision for hunter education. Now, hunting license buyers have the option to hunt under the “supervision required” status in lieu of passing the hunter education course.*

- *Hunters born prior to August 1, 1977 are exempt from hunter education.*
- *Hunters born on or after August 1, 1977 who have successfully completed a hunter education course must provide proof when purchasing their hunting license in order to hunt independently.*
- *Hunters born on or after August 1, 1977 who have not successfully completed a hunter education course will be issued ‘supervisor only’ hunting license.*
Restrictions are:
 - *Hunters under supervision must be under normal voice control of a properly licensed hunter 21 years of age.*
 - *Hunters under supervision must not to exceed 30 feet away from a properly licensed hunter 21 years of age or older.*
 - *Under no circumstance shall the supervising person be the holder of a “supervision required” license.*

***‘Supervision Only’** license holders who have had taken the Hunter Education course and have a certification number are exempt from the ‘supervision only’ status PROVIDED they have their certification number when hunting.*

Lifetime licenses holders:

- *License holders under 16 years of age will be issued with a Hunter Education certified number or supervision only (until HE# is received).*
- *‘Supervision only’ license holders must submit Hunter Education certification # in order to have their license re-issued.*

Exemption from Hunter Education as follows:

- *persons employed in the state as a APOST certified law enforcement officer*
- *persons on active duty U.S. Military personnel*
- *Alabama residents who are active members of the U.S. National Guard*